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Mr. Jim McGovern  
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Dear Mr. McGovern,

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Colby dated  
November 2.

You will understand, I trust, that there are, in  
this day and age, continual allegations about this, that  
or the other supposed "operation" involving the CIA.  
The Director is charged by law with the protection of  
intelligence sources and methods. In consonance with  
this charge, it has been our tradition not to comment --  
one way or the other -- on the spectrum of allegations  
about us.

I hope you will understand, therefore, how we  
cannot address ourselves to the matter which you have  
raised in your letter.

The Director is, of course, grateful to you for  
having shared your thoughts on the matter with him.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

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Assistant to the Director